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Members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services:

In addition to the subcommittee directed by law¹, the chairs have jointly determined that two additional subcommittees are necessary to examine issues related to services provided by Divisions within the Department of Health and Human Services. Therefore, pursuant to G.S. 120-208.2(d), the following subcommittees are created and charged as provided below.

The **Medical Examiner Subcommittee** is authorized to study the issues outlined below.

- 1) Progress and recommendations by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, on the adequacy of current fees, the categories of professionals appointed as medical examiners, and the qualifications of and training requirements for medical examiners, as required by S.L. 2014-100 (SB 744), Section 12E.6(b). The Subcommittee may also consider information from other sources regarding qualifications for medical examiners, training requirements, continuing education, and adequate rates to recruit and retain quality examiners.
- 2) The overall structure and capacity of the Office of the State Medical Examiner, including an examination of the pros/cons of having a central office versus creating regional offices, and the adequacy of overall funding for the local examiners, transportation, contracts, staffing, training, and information technology, etc.
- 3) The Department's progress in developing and implementing a system of oversight to achieve operational efficiencies and quality assurance, as required by S.L. 2014-100 (SB 744), Section 12E.6(c).
- 4) The Subcommittee is also authorized to work with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety upon request, as required by S.L. 2014-100 (SB 744), Section 17.3.

The nine members named below are appointed to the Medical Examiner Subcommittee.

Senator Jeff Tarte, Chair
Senator Tommy Tucker
Senator Chad Barefoot
Senator Don Davis

Representative Mark Hollo, Chair
Representative Justin Burr
Representative Donny Lambeth
Representative Carl Ford
Representative William Brisson

The **Medicaid Reform/Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) Reorganization Subcommittee** is authorized to study the issues outlined below.

- 1) Efforts by the Department of Health and Human Services to: (1) consult with stakeholder groups, study and recommend options for Medicaid reform that will provide greater budget predictability and (2) to not commit the State toward any particular course on Medicaid reform including not submitting any reform-related State plan amendments, waivers, or grant application nor enter into any contracts related to implementing Medicaid reform, as required by S.L. 2014-100 (SB 744), Section 12H.1.

¹ Session Law 2014-100, Section 12I.2, requires the cochairs of the Committee to establish a Traumatic Brain Injury Subcommittee.

- 2) The Program Evaluation Division Report, *Options for Creating a Separate Department of Medicaid Require Transition Planning*, (March, 2013) and any subsequent report updates.
- 3) House Bill 1181 North Carolina Medicaid Modernization, Third Edition, and House Bill 1181 North Carolina Medicaid Modernization, Sixth Edition.
- 4) Any other studies and recommended options to improve Medicaid budget predictability and the overall operations of the Medicaid program.

The ten members named below are appointed to the Medicaid Reform/Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) Reorganization Subcommittee.

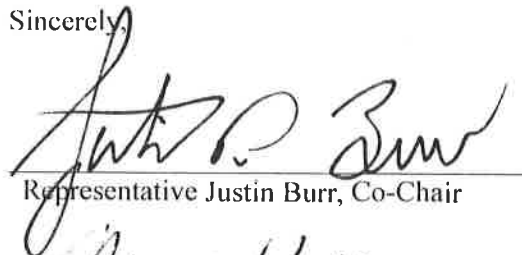
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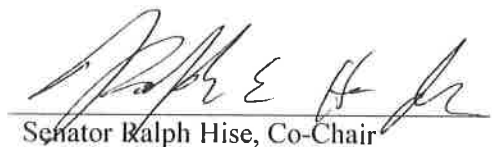
Each Subcommittee will meet upon the joint call of its House and Senate co-chairs. A quorum of a Subcommittee is a majority of its members. No official action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Issues studied by each subcommittee are limited to those outlined in this letter.

On or before the November 2014 meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Medical Examiner Subcommittee, and the Medicaid Reform/Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) Reorganization Subcommittee, shall each submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services. The Medical Examiner Subcommittee and the Medicaid Reform/Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) Reorganization Subcommittee shall terminate upon the filing of its final report.

Sincerely,



Representative Justin Burr, Co-Chair



Senator Ralph Hise, Co-Chair



Representative Mark Hollo, Co Chair